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SUBJ: ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH
MONGOLIAN PEOPLE' S REPUBLIC

REF: CANBERRA 1796

1. AS NOTED IN REFTEL, ACTING SECRETARY FOREIGN AFFAIRS SHANN HAS PROVIDED A LETTER REGARDING AUSTRALIAN EXPERIENCE IN ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH MONGOLIAN PEOPLE' S REPUBLIC. LETTER IS FOUR PAGES IN LENGTH AND DEALS WITH CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN AUSTRALIANS AND MONGOLIAN AMBASSADOR IN MOSCOW PRIOR TO AUSTRALIAN PRESS RELEASE OF SEPT. 15, 1972 WHICH ANNOUNCED ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

2. ACCORDING TO LETTER, GOA UNILATERALLY RECOGNIZED MONGOLIAN PEOPLE' S REPUBLIC IN 1967 AND BEGAN TO BE INTERESTED IN MID-1972 IN ACCREDITING AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR IN MOSCOW AS NON- RESIDENT AMBASSADOR IN ULAN BATOR. DIFFICULTY APPEARED BECAUSE MONGOLIAN PEOPLE' S REPUBLIC HAD NEVER RECOGNIZED AUSTRALIA AND APPARENTLY DID NOT HAVE AN AMBASSADOR IN A COUNTRY NEAR ENOUGH TO AUSTRALIA TO ACCREDIT HIM ALSO AS NON- RESIDENT MPR AMBASSADOR IN CANBERRA. COMPROMISE WAS REACHED IN ANNOUNCEMENT OF 15 SEPT 1972 IN WHICH NOTE WAS TAKEN THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES HAVE AGREED TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AT
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AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL AND THAT AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR
IN MOSCOW WAS BEING ACCREDITED AS NON- RESIDENT
AMBASSADOR TO MPR. APPARENTLY AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR
IN MOSCOW HAS NOT YET PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS IN
ULAN BATOR BUT IS EXPECTED TO DO SO AS SOON AS WINTER
IS OVER AND COMMUNICATIONS ARE MORE RELIABLE.

3. TEXT OF SHANN LETTER BEING FORWARDED BY AIRGRAM.
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